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In re Application of :  
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed September 22, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner in reply to the final Office action mailed February 24, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 have been obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on May 25, 2003.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 1644 for processing the Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114 filed with the instant petition.

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